

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—A lakh and 8 thousand. The allotments were going up year by year from 1100. Originally it was a lakh of rupees in 1098 and 1099 and it gradually rose and this year it is one lakh and ninety thousand.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—What were the amounts budgetted for the period of lapses mentioned in the Finance Member's speech?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—In 1104 when the lapse was 36 thousand, the budget allotment was 1,84,664.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—It is the original works that lapse. Much of this is for recurring expenditure.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Recurring expenditure is very small when compared with the original works.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—If a percentage of the lapse is given, these questions would not have arisen.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—In 1105 out of the allotment of rupees two lakhs and five thousand, the lapse was only six thousand and odd. What I say is, we are improving.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—It is yet to be seen. If you were to take the figure for the year before last, you will find that it is more than that of the previous year.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know the amount that has been spent by transfer of allotment? Some of the items budgetted for, were not taken up and the amount was transferred without the knowledge of the Council in 1105.

Deputy President.—They have not the necessary figures here,

Dr. A. G. Menon.—It is a pity, Sir, that they have not got it to-day when they know that a resolution is here and that it would come up for discussion. If a percentage is given, then there would be no difficulty.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Was there any transfer of allotment?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Transfer is in the same head and in the Panchayats alone.

Deputy President.—Do you press the resolution, Mr. Raja?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—I want the sense of the House to be taken. I don't withdraw the resolution.

Deputy President.—Have you anything to say on this, Mr. Raman Menon?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I have nothing more to add.

The resolution was put to the vote of the House and carried. On a poll being taken, it was found that 17 voted for and 13 against, the Government remaining neutral.

9. Recreation Clubs.

As the mover was absent, the following resolution and the amendment on it were considered withdrawn.

Mr. Ouseph P. Kundukulam.—*This Council recommends to the Government to open recreation clubs for Government servants in each centre and to afford all facilities for running them.*

Amendment.

• Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—“Omit ‘for Government servants’ ”.

10. Committee of inquiry in the recruitment of the Staff.

Deputy President.—No. 10 also stands in your name. Mr. Raja.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—I do not move that resolution.

Hence the following resolution was considered withdrawn.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—*This Council recommends that a committee consisting of officials and non-officials be appointed to inquire into the grievances and irregularities alleged inside and outside this Council to exist with regard to the recruitment of the staff into the service of the State and to suggest necessary remedial measures.*

11. Raising the Ernakulam Foreshore.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—The resolution standing in my name reads thus:

“This Council recommends that the Ernakulam foreshore lying behind the main bazaar, be raised to a suitable height and thus reclaim what now really is a marsh in front of the town”.

I do not know if this resolution requires much explanation. It is a great pity that there is this swamp before us. During the monsoon months the foreshore of Ernakulam, particularly behind the main bazaar, is reduced to a swamp and naturally becomes very unhealthy. I know there is a scheme of foreshore improvement, but it will take a pretty long time. This work, after all will not cost a great deal of money, so that I do not think there is any necessity to keep this work till the question of foreshore improvement is taken on hand.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—I second this resolution.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—While I have no objection to convert marshy places to healthy places, the question is as to who should spend the money. As the Ernakulam Municipality cannot do it,—I know they are in very great difficulties and they are not even able to meet the salaries of their officers—our objection here however is the way in which public funds are being spent upon one part of the State. This has been going on for a very long time, spending the whole amount at Ernakulam. We cannot tolerate this any more. If the place is a marshy place you must go to some other place. We are not going to spend public funds at Ernakulam.